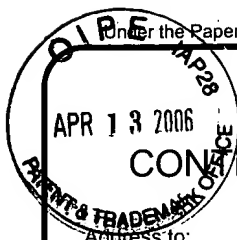


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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Kenneth Sherman dated December 19, 2005

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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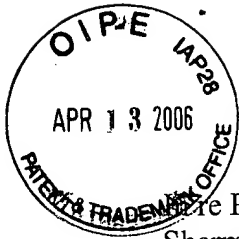
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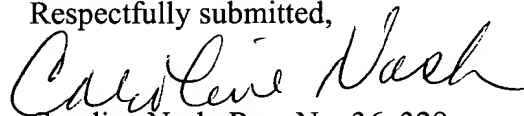
Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2006, Applicant submits herewith an RCE transmittal letter. Applicant requests entry of the amendments filed on January 2, 2006 and March 28, 2006 and consideration of the Declaration of Dr. Kenneth Sherman filed under 37 CFR 1.132.

Applicant noticed that the Advisory Action indicated that the Notice of Appeal was filed on January 4, 2006. This is incorrect. The Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on March 9, 2006. Applicant will provide the postcard receipt as evidence at the Examiner's convenience.

Date: April 12, 2006

Respectfully submitted,


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